

# Leaf Collections

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What do you do with your leaves?**

From mid October through mid-February, the City of Burlington provides bulk leaf collections and will collect and haul away leaves raked to the curb in piles. The city will deliver leaves to those requesting them for compost or as mulch for gardening. Bulk leaf collection keeps leaves out of the landfill, and benefits all by saving space, making use of a valuable material, and reduces tipping fees that the City must pay.

The program is simple. City of Burlington Cemetery and Grounds crews start at one end of the City and complete a sweep of the City four times during the period from October through mid February to give all residents the same number of pickups.

We recommend that you rake your leaves as early in the season as practical and as close to your designated collection week. The length of our collection cycle depends upon the number of leaf piles and the timing of their placement.

### **THERE ARE THREE IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.**

- We cannot make special pickups except during the month of February. We can only guarantee a pick up for leaves raked to the curb by 7:30 AM Monday of a person's collection week.
- The leaf truck will collect leaves in your neighborhood at least twice before Thanksgiving. The exact schedule will depend on the weather, the amount of leaf fall and the number of persons participating

### **WHEN WILL THE LEAF TRUCK BE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?**

Before the start of leaf season, collection schedules will be posted on this website, and included within City Works in an envelope for the water bills.

### **WHAT IF YOU WANT LEAVES DELIVERED FOR MULCH OR COMPOST?**

Call the City of Burlington Cemetery Division, leave a message at 222-5077 or call Public Works at 222-5005 to request a delivery of leaves. Residents of Burlington will receive first priority. Deliveries should be within a one-mile radius of the City Limits.

## **IF YOU WANT LEAVES FOR MULCH, WHEN WILL THEY BE DELIVERED?**

In order to maximize leaf collections efficiency, leaves will be delivered based on the location of the work crews, not on the order of requests. Leaves will only be delivered where soil conditions permit truck delivery. Inclimate weather may affect these deliveries.

## **How big a load will I get?**

Each delivery is approximately 18 cubic yards. This is a lot of leaves. Please be sure to consider how you plan to use them before requesting a delivery. We cannot deliver partial loads.

## **When will the program end?**

In early February. The exact date will be published on our web site. We will do collections upon request for the month of February.

## **Are there any other options available for leaf disposal?**

The City encourages citizens to utilize bulk leaf collections, as it is the most efficient method of disposal. Leaf collections crews will not collect leaves in plastic bags.

Residents may place leaves in their yard waste container or in **clear** plastic bags. There will be collected by the Sanitation Division as yard waste on your regularly scheduled trash day. Please refer to the Sanitation Divisions web page under the yard waste section for more information.

## **Remember:**

- **No** brush, limbs or debris, glass or other solid matter are allowed in leaf piles
- Rake your leaves as early in the season as practical in advance of your scheduled collections weeks.
- **Do not** place leaves in the street where they may interfere with traffic.
- **Do not** block sidewalks, fire hydrants, drainage areas, storm drains or water meters. Please try and keep leaves out of ditches if possible. Don't park vehicles on leaves or in a way to block access.

## **What should you do with leaves the rest of the year?**

Leaves provide important nutrients to the soil. You can pile them around trees, cover your garden, or compost them.

Leaves can be placed in your yard waste can, boxed, or placed in **clear** plastic bags for collection on your regular trash day.

Leaves should not be placed where they will block storm drains. Please be patient. The City of Burlington has a very efficient leaf collection program and we will make every effort to stay on the posted schedule.

**DO NOT PLACE LEAVES OR YARD WASTE IN YOUR Black ROLL OUT CONTAINER.**